

Life Group Homework

Study of Colossians: Week Three: Sept 23rd

Colossians 1:24-2:5

Getting Started:

1. If you could relive one moment in your past, what would that moment be and why?
2. Why do you think God allows you to suffer or endure difficulties? What might He want to accomplish in you or through you?
3. What does it mean to strive according to Christ's power in verse 29? (See 2 Cor 12:7-10; Eph 1:18-21; Phil 4:11-13.) How do we practically depend on the strength of the Lord?
4. What wisdom and knowledge do you treasure? How does the Word of God relate to our various pursuits of knowledge and wisdom? How does your time in the Word reveal the extent to which you treasure it?
5. How do we remain firm in our faith in Christ (1:23; 2:5) when the gospel we believe is challenged by those outside and inside the Christian faith?
6. Jesus never lost the joy of His ministry. Isaiah 53 gives us a vivid description of the suffering the Messiah would endure for His people. Jesus knew all of this was ahead of Him as He went to the cross. Read Isaiah 53 and make notes of anything that stands out to you.

Digging Deeper:

7. Notice that Paul's suffering brings him great joy (1:24). Compare this to James 1:2-4. Paul gives us another spin off of suffering producing joy. Here, Paul's suffering not only makes him more mature in his faith but he is suffering to make them more mature in their faith (1:28).

What things are you willing to suffer for?

When have you suffered for something? Did it help you mature in some way?